

## McCormick's Creek State Park

# MAY 2011



Nature Center Hours: Open Daily 9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Look for our program schedules on the web: <http://www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/2420.htm>

Are you a leader for Scouts, a church group, schools, or home school? We can work with you to design a program to fit your goals and give your group quality nature experiences.

Contact the Nature Center to arrange a private program for your group (812-829-4344).

Don't miss the exhibits at the Nature Center! Experience the feel of a cave, see live reptiles and other wildlife, discover the unique geology of Indiana's first state park, and build scale models of shelter houses like those built by the Civilian Conservation Corps.

### Sunday May 1<sup>st</sup>

Make "nature spotters" (children's craft). Drop-in activity, Nature Center.

### Friday May 6<sup>th</sup>

4:00 PM *Turtle Talk*. At Canyon Inn.

### Welcome Back Weekend

Join us as we celebrate the return of spring by soaring like a ... kite, or a Bluebird!

### Saturday May 7<sup>th</sup>

10:00 AM *Build a kite* at the Nature Center.

1:00 PM *Will it fly?* – Meet by the pool or, if it rains, in the Nature Center for a test-fly.

3:00 PM *They don't glide, they just slide*. Come to the N.C. for a close encounter with our resident reptiles, and a few guests from faraway places.

### Sunday May 8<sup>th</sup> – Bluebird Day

10:00 AM Celebrate Mother's Day by getting to know these caring and dedicated parents. Meet at the Nature Center.

1:30 PM Take an easy, 45 minutes walk on the *Bluebird Monitoring Trail*. The Naturalist will illustrate the monitoring procedure. There should be plenty to observe: different kinds of nests, eggs, tiny hungry little birds ...

3:00 PM *Bluebird nesting box kits* for sale at the Nature Center. Prepare your backyard to welcome bluebirds!

### Saturday May 14<sup>th</sup>

10:00 AM *Turtle Talk*. At Canyon Inn.

2:00 PM *Critter Feeding*. See live turtles and snakes as we feed them lunch. Meet at the Nature Center.

### Sunday May 15<sup>th</sup> – Hummingbirds!

1:00 PM Their fast flying requires a special diet. Learn what attracts them, how to prepare their lunch. Help us set out our feeders. Meet at the Nature Center.

### **Saturday May 21<sup>st</sup>**

10:00 AM *Turtle Talk*. At Canyon Inn. Indiana's wild turtles brumate during winter. Our guest from Shakamak State Park overwintered at Canyon Inn instead. She will be moving next Thursday.

2:00 PM *Critter Feeding*. See our resident amphibians and reptiles as we feed them lunch. Meet at the Nature Center.

7:30 PM *Summer Concert Series* – Opening concert with **David Gohn Band** – roots rock!

Free. Join us at the Park Amphitheater every third Saturday of the month till October for live music.

### **Saturday May 28<sup>th</sup>**

10:00 AM *Creek Critters*. An easy walk to the falls from the parking lot.

2:00 PM *Is that a snake in the water?* Come to the Nature Center for a crash course on water snakes.

### **Sunday May 29<sup>th</sup>**

2:00 *Stone arch bridge Tour*. Meet at the Nature Center for a brief introduction to the CCC and their achievements at McCormick's Creek S.P. Then walk with us to the bridge to observe the details of their craftsmanship.

### **Tuesday May 31<sup>st</sup>**

2:00 PM *Critter Feeding*. See live turtles and snakes as we feed them lunch. Meet at the Nature Center.



## **SPECIAL EVENTS**



**Saturday, June 4** ~ *Walking Stick Workshop* ~ 1pm ~ Celebrate national trails day by creating a memorable walking stick. Pre-registration recommended, \$5/project.

**Saturday, June 25** ~ *6<sup>th</sup> Annual Arts in the Park* ~ Arts Fair and Music Stage ~ Nature and Art Experiences for the entire family.



**Saturday, July 16** ~ *95<sup>th</sup> Anniversary: McCormick's Creek State Park* ~ Come celebrate with us! Activities all day, and a special evening event in the Park Amphitheater

**Saturday, July 23** ~ *Butterfly Festival* ~ Hikes and sightings, activities, special speakers.  
Family oriented with many activities for children.



**Saturday, August 6** ~ *11<sup>th</sup> Annual Wild About Wildlife* ~ See wildlife up-close, learn more about habitat and needs. Co-sponsored by WildCare Inc.



**Saturday, September 10** ~ *3<sup>rd</sup> Annual BBQ and Blues* ~ 4-8pm, music and great food at family prices, classic and muscle car show, children's activities.

**Sunday, September 25** ~ *Trail Run/Walk: Mag 7 Series* ~ Sponsored by Friends of McCormick's Creek State Park and the Owen County Family YMCA. For registration and fee information, contact the YMCA at 812-828-9622 or [programs@owencountyyymca.org](mailto:programs@owencountyyymca.org)

**Saturday, October 29** ~ *Fall-o-Ween Weekend* ~ Crafts, stories, activities and a theme-based fantasy trail. Sponsored by Friends of McCormick's Creek State Park



**Saturday, November 12** ~ *Holiday Crafts Workshop* ~ Pre-registration required, call 812-829-4344 for details and fee information. See, sample, and share ideas for making interesting nature gifts and holiday decorations.